



We wish our readers this morning a merry Christmas.

The 2d arc tournament is getting very tiresome. The players remain us of champion runners.

There will be no paper to-morrow morning, our readers will not begrudge the printer's Christmas.

The census shows that the cattle rate in Colorado is only eight to a thousand while in other states it ranges from ten to twenty-one. Considering the number of men who come into the state, the rate is wonderful now.

"The Major's Christmas" for some reason has not had as large a sale in the city as it deserves. We think that the uniform good quality and pure tone of its stories is not appreciated. Buy it and read it, because it is the product of Colorado genius.

The democrats are now in such a hurry to get into office that they are inclined to talk of civil service reform. If there is a republican administration on March 4th, 1853, and the republicans are urging the removal of all democratic office-holders, the democrats who wish to hold on to offices will then see the beauties of civil service reform.

Congress has adjourned. Many members have found that the government has three departments, the legislative, executive and judiciary. The executive is a co-ordinate branch which is legislative. The legislative branch has no more right to control appointments than the president has the right to dictate legislation. We are getting back to the ways of our fathers.

We hope our dispatches about Senator Evans' remark on Beecher's address are true, though we do not have much faith in it. We have yet heard of only one member of the New York congressional delegation favorable to silver. It is a most too much to hope that one of the senators of a strong anti-silver state like New York will vote against stopping the coinage of silver.

The re-election of Mayor O'Brien of Boston calls forth a good deal of moralizing. It is not five years since Catholics were mobbed in Boston. This year O'Brien had the support not only of his party, but of the most conservative Bostonians. O'Brien is a democrat. But a democratic mayor of Boston under Cleve and his administration makes greatly from a democratic mayor during the days of Butler's ascendancy in the party.

The Illinois papers have attacked Cleveland's position regarding the Panama canal. They draw attention to the fact that all previous official documents have declared that the United States alone must have control of the canal. Cleveland and the other hand holds that the canal should be neutral ground and be under the control of no one person. He quotes good American precedents for his position. It is uncontested by the sound one. The "jingo party" may not take to such doctrine at first but it is bound to prevail.

The Mormon dispatch of this morning has a good many disgusting details, but it gives a idea of the situation. Judge Zane's charge to the grand jury shows the temper of the general who is waging the fight against Mormonism. That a religious sect's resort to such methods shows the real character of its leaders. It is only by keeping the sentiment that Mormonism is an immoral and social institution must go. We hardly realize at a distance the bitterness of the contest. The gentiles who lead in it are carrying their lives in their hands. It is not forgotten that the son of Judge Goodwin, the editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, was assassinated, and others have been threatened. Only fear stays the assassin's hand.

James Russel Lowell, in his speech to the Massachusetts Reform Club a few days ago claimed that Joseph Atchison is the founder of the reform party. He quotes from him the following which has the true ring: "For my own part, I do heartily wish that all honest men would enter into an association for the support of one another against the encroachments of those who try to look upon us as their common enemies, whatsoever we do may be. We are there such an honest body of neutral forces, we should never see the worst of men in the great figures of life because they are useful to a party or the rest; unregarded because they are above practising those methods which would be grateful to their faction. We should then be every man in out of the world and count himself, however formidably overgrown, a knight errant."

In short, we should not any longer regard our own objects as wings or zones, but should make the man of merit our friend and the villain our enemy. Applause.

Some republican papers that are unable to find fault with the present's message say that the good republican leader has so commented on it as is true in the sense that the before-mentioned of the party has only taught such doctrine. Though it is to be said that President Cleveland took a much higher view of civil service reform, and a much more statesmanlike view of the Panama canal than has been given by any republican president in a message. Still, take the message as a whole, it is what the best sentiment of the republican party has avowed for years. We presume that some will draw the moral that Cleveland has become a republican. This is hard to say. As a matter of fact there is scarcely any difference between the teachings of the two parties. There is no longer any contest over the issues that grew out of the war. The vital issue now is that of administrative reform. It is perfectly natural that the members in both parties should find common ground in supporting this issue. The spirit element in both parties is smothering at it. The very republicans who claim that Cleveland's message is a republican are men who most bitterly opposed any attempt at administrative reform while the republicans were in power. They abused the power of patronage and controlled as a slave, a semi-slave; any republican who would have done

their practices. Yet the spirit element is usually for civil service reform but after the election. This is the moment now than ever before which every man votes what both are professed in professions. It is rather a question of which candidate carries the best package in his own official career and in his political ideas of carrying out these sentiments. When a party is only a name and its supporters are on a platform it is nearly impossible to drop the name and the platform and make the fight on live issues for and with those in sympathy with them.

The friends of silver are doing right in pushing the fight for the free and unlimited coinage—or silver dollar. This is a cause we have had the friends of silver greatest and on the run long enough, and it is the best opportunity of the silver advocates to turn defeat into victory by turning upon the enemy curtail and creating division and disorder in the ranks and of the enemy by a few strokes. The rank and file of the people are interested in the interest of silver, and they can win the fight with ease by holding together and pursuing the right of action.

Denver Times.

The Denver News and other state papers take the same position as we do, that it is a matter of great regret and a source of weakness in the present campaign. The question is not so simple. We have a right to unlimited coinage, but not we come as we are or not coin at all. At that is said before on the first proposition is a waste of energy. These silver men will gain a great victory if they defeat the present effort to stop the coinage of silver. It is the most that can be done for the resolution for the free and unlimited coinage of silver is generally admitted.

Second, that is, C. D. May's suggestion is well argued and very effective.

Third, that is, A. G. Fiske's suggestion is also a good one. It is to the effect that the friends of silver should be turned into a party of a personal God's theory from which all adherents can be driven by no compulsion of law.

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## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Foreign Envoys' Bills Introducing in  
the House,

Several of them Referring to the  
Coaling of Ships.

West Commandant Bayard's Orders in  
the Kelley Matter.

XLI Congress.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—Mitchell,  
from the committee on pensions, reported  
favorably the bill, granting a pension to the  
widow of General Grant. The bill at once  
passed without debate.

Beck introduced a bill making it un-  
lawful for senators or representatives to  
recommend or solicit appointments to office.  
Butler called up his resolution relating to  
the legal organization of the territory of  
Dakota into a state.

Vest said the senatorial record now stood  
committee to the fact that there was such a  
thing in existence as the state of Dakota;  
papers heretofore presented by Harrison and  
from the desk having borne the words  
"State of Dakota."

Vest offered as independent of the resolution  
of Mr. Butler a resolution to the effect  
that the tumult from persons calling them-  
selves the state executive committee of  
Dakota be considered coming only from private  
individuals of Dakota.

The resolution was, however, ordered  
printed. After further debate the matter went  
over till to-morrow.

The senate then proceeded to consideration  
of joint rules.

After a short debate, resulting in some  
amendments to rules, the rules were agreed  
to.

Mr. Cannon was to travel from service on  
the committee on transportation routes to the  
seaboard; Mr. McMillan from service on the  
committee on marshes and militia; Mr. Chase  
from service on the committee on claims. The  
chair appointed Mr. Mitchell of Oregon to the  
three vacancies in acting.

Mr. Beck offered the following resolution,  
which he requested might be allowed to lie  
over for the present.

That inasmuch as the laws of the United States require that all duties on imported goods shall  
be paid in coin, and

that it is, it is provided by section 4 of the  
revised statutes that the sum paid in duties  
on imported goods, shall be set apart as follows:  
First, to the payment in full of the debts  
of each of the states to the United States;  
secondly, to the purchase or payment of one  
per cent of the entire debt of the United  
States to be made within each fiscal year,  
which is to be set apart as a sinking fund, and  
the interest of which shall make it easier  
to apply to the purchase or payment of the  
public debt, as the secretary of the treasury  
shall from time to time direct; third, the rest  
shall be paid into the treasury.

Res. 2d, That the committee on finance  
be instructed to inquire whether the laws  
above stated have or have heretofore been  
obeyed, if they have not to report by bill or  
otherwise such measures as will secure their  
execution.

The senate adjourned until Monday.

Bills were introduced by Senator Ingalls,  
to prevent the unlawful encroachment of public  
lands. It is to be introduced by Mr. Ingalls  
in the last session.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The char-  
acter of the senate letter from the secre-  
tary of war transmitting reports, etc.

Senator Collier introduced a postal tele-  
graph bill to-day. It provides that the secre-  
tary of state, secretary of war and postmaster  
general shall constitute a commission known  
as the postal telegraph commission, which  
shall be authorized and directed to purchase  
and acquire for the United States any existing  
lines under provision of the act of 1858, and  
subject to the approval of the president. It  
is expressly provided that no lines shall be  
purchased until it is shown to the satisfaction  
of the commission that such lines has earned  
enough during the 12 months prior to the pas-  
sage of the act to meet the necessary expenses  
of its maintenance, reorganization and operation.  
The price paid shall be one hundred thousand  
dollars for every fifty dollars net  
annual earnings, and it is provided that no  
line shall be purchased at a higher valuation  
than that ascertainable. Upon the basis thus  
prescribed, a sum for the lines is proposed  
that 50 per cent bonds shall be issued  
which shall not be disposed of at less than  
par. The remaining provisions of the bill are  
in relation to extension and operation of lines  
that may be acquired, similar to those entered  
in the Edmunds bill.

The senate passed the house concurrent  
resolution providing for a military recess, and  
then went into executive session. When the  
coors reopened the senate adjourned until  
January 5th next.

**HOUSe.**

Consideration of the report of the commit-  
tee on rules was resumed, the pending amendment  
being that offered by Springer of Illinois,  
to abolish the various committees on expens-  
es in the different departments and con-  
centrate their duties in one committee, consist-  
ing of 15 members. In advocating the Springer  
bill, that during the past ten years divers  
of these committees had been created, and  
that the same were to be continued, the  
secretary of the treasury at the former  
and the present together, and the president  
had given his assent to the bill.

Mr. Morris remarked that Mr. Beck's  
special seemed to be an elaborate assault on  
the secretary of the treasury and the presi-  
dent, and the resolution in support of which  
it was delivered should pass the senate it  
would be equivalent to a vote of want of  
confidence in the president and his adminis-  
tration.

He regretted that the senator from  
Kentucky should have represented the secre-  
tary of the treasury as the latter had  
submitted a bill to the senate.

Mr. Beck's amendment was rejected by a vote of  
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Mr. Cannon offered an amendment  
allowing the committee to report on any  
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From *Wednesday's Daily*.

## The Coming Convention.

OFFICE OF THE COLORADO CATTLE & GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.  
DENVER, December 22, 1858.

To the Editor of the Gazette.  
The following telegram has been received from A. T. Daniels, post commissioner for Colorado, (which includes all railroad & running into Denver), in regard to reduce rates of fare for delegates, stockmen, and members of their families, who will attend the International Stock Cattle and Horse Growers' association meeting in Denver, January 27th, 1859:

On Mr. Daniels' return to Denver, for particulars will be arranged as to dates, forms, etc., and be published in all the stock papers of the range country.

Yours respectfully,  
S. S. STANDARD, Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., December 9, 1858.

B. H. Standart, Secretary Colorado Cattle Growers' Assn in denver, Colo.

A rate of one fare for round trip has been agreed upon for the range cattle convention.

Geo. W. Daniels, Commissioner.

Mr. W. F. Aecker of Cleveland, Ohio, says the Iron Springs hotel is visited by wife and daughter.

The express companies are doing a lively business these days, sending away Christmas presents to eastern friends.

J. B. Anderson and family left for the east on the "Thunderbolt" last night. They will spend the holidays with friends in St. Louis.

Early in January we will have as attractions at the Opera House, Centreville &amp; Leath's Miss Lida Porter, and husband, of New York city, arrived at the Iron Springs hotel yesterday, expecting to remain a winter.

Three little girls who were sitting on May's pond in the northern part of the city on Monday evening broke through the ice and were pretty thoroughly drowned. One of the three came very near being drowned.

There will be found on exhibition in the show window at C. Davis' jewelry store to-day a judge of the Mystic Shrine, also a forty-third degree ring set with emeralds. In the way of curios you will also find some titles 2000 years old.

There is a crazy patchwork quilt on exhibition in Farley's show window which attracts the attention of all the ladies as they pass by. It is the work of Mrs. J. B. Farley, and a Christmas gift to her husband. Its value is about \$100.

The Colorado musical and dramatic entertainment given at C. Davis' &amp; Johnson's billiard hall last night gave fairly good satisfaction, considering the time that had been given to preparation and rehearsals. Messrs. Davis &amp; Johnson have had a snug stage fitted up and propose giving these entertainments once every week. An entire new programme will be offered next week.

From *Thursday's Daily*.

Mrs. E. Younger, of Louisville, is visiting friends in the city.

Prof. A. C. Pearson and wife returned yesterday from a two months' visit in the east.

Mrs. A. G. Pease and child on arrived home from the east yesterday on the Salt Lake train.

Mr. A. A. Carley arrived in the city from Salt Lake yesterday on a visit to his brother James Carley.

Mr. O. S. Lee, who was a member of the Boston theatrical company, takes the part of "So No" in at the "Mikado."

Mr. J. F. Sedgwick came up from New Mexico or the Taos bridge yesterday. He brought with him twelve Spanish quail, which he proposes to colonize on his ranch.

Mr. J. P. Davis, steward of the Autors, is home again after an absence of several weeks at the east. He spent the most of the time at his former home in Jenny Vanita.

The battle house of Mobile, with Mr. C. J. Barnes as manager, sets out a very neat calendar for 1859, and announces that superior accommodations will be given at this popular southern resort.

Messrs. E. Fowler, Guy Humphrey and Frank Lowther have returned from their hunting trip in the mountains. They are enough game to surprise the natives, but did not bring much home with them.

Manager Nye was yesterday engaged in packing up about two hundred pounds of candy for the children who attend the meetings on Christmas afternoon. The candy is the best that could be found in the market.

When Christmas services will be held at the Presbyterian church on Friday morning at eleven o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. S. Beck. A collection will be taken up for the benefit of the free reading room and library.

We see by the *Advertiser* that a new opera house is to be fitted up at Pueblo with a seating capacity of about two thousand, to be under the management of George M. Wright and has closed a contract to play at the circuit attractions.

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